

Meningitis Updates – May 5, 2014

In light of the tragic death of a University of Hartford senior from bacterial meningitis, Davison Health Center would like to be available for any concerns and questions our students may have.

- Fortunately incidents such as this are rare and isolated

- The meningococcal vaccine (which is a requirement for college matriculation, is very effective against the type of meningitis implicated in this case.

- If someone has never been immunized with this vaccine or it was last received greater than 5 years ago, you would not be protected against this bacterial illness (again, it is rare even in these individuals)

When a situation such as this strikes close to home, it is natural to have many questions.

- The symptoms of meningitis include high fever, severe headache, an extremely stiff neck, nausea and vomiting, red rash, confusion and light sensitivity.

- If you have any questions regarding symptoms or your immunization status, please call the health clinic.

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